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THE
CHARGE
VOTED AGAINST
BISHOP
WREN

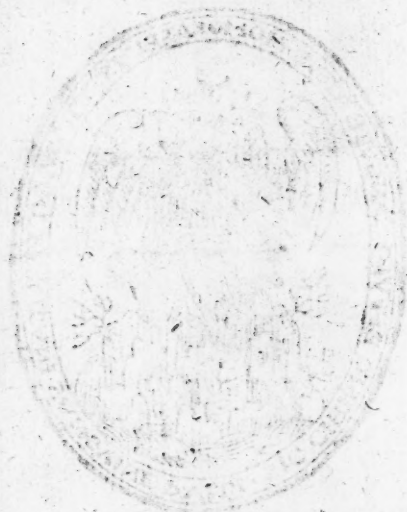
On *Munday, 5. of July, 1641.*
in the Afternoone, which consists of
these severall Particulars following.



Printed in the yeare, of our Prælates feare, 1641. ;

WARREN BISHOP CHARGE

On the 2nd day of July 1871
in the afternoon, with a committee
of the Board of Directors following



Printed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one



Munday, 5 July, 1641.

This Afternoone the Charge was
voted against Bithop Wren, which consists
of these severall Articles following.

First, Excommunicating, Depriving, or Banishing
in the space of 2 years 50 goaly, painfull, learned
Ministers.

Secondly, Practising superstition in his own person.

Thirdly, Causing the Communion Table to be plac-
ed Altar-wise, and to be railed in, & kneeling and con-
secrating the Bread and Wine at the West side of the
Communion-table with his backe towards the people,
and bowing to or before the same.

Fourthly, Elevating the Bread and Wine over his
head that the people might see it.

Fifthly, Causing all his Pewes or Seats, to be so con-
trived, that the people must of necessity kneele with
their faces towards the East.

Sixthly, Employed his power to reffraine powerfull
preaching, forbidding all Sermons on Sundayes After-
noons, or in the week dayes, without his Lycense; & lest
expounding the Catechisme, and Common-prayer
booke, should be as bad as Preaching; as hee and some
of his Officers said, therefore he inhibits any manner of
exposition, and injoines onely the bare Question and
Answers in the Common-prayer booke.

Seventhly, And to the end, the people shall not know
where there is any Sermons, commands all ringing of

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Bells to be alike, that so the people may not distinguish where there is a Sermon, or where there is but prayer.

Eighly, He permitted no Prayer to bee read before Sermon, but that which is directed in the 39. Canon, which hath no warrant of Law, and after Sermon suffers no Prayer at all, but onely *Gloria Patri, &c.*

Ninthly, He did publish a book of Articles, to which the Church-wardens were to be sworne, and these 39, Articles contain at least 897. Questions. One whereof was this, doth any man discourse profainly at Meale-time, touching Religion or the holy Scripture?

Another, Doth the Minister expound the holy Scripture, according to the sense of the antient Fathers?

This, I must believe, will puseell the best learned Church-wardens in England to answer;

Thursday next is appointed to consider what penalty the Bishops have incur'd, by making these Canons which tend to Sedition.

The Result and Conclusion which was drawn from the fore-mentioned Premises, was that, it was resolved upon the Question, that it is the opinion of this House, that *Matthew Wren* Bishop of *Ely*, is unworthy and unfit to hold or exercise any Office of Dignity in the Church or Common-wealth.

Resolved that there be a Message sent to the Lords to desire them to joyne with the Commons to petition his Majesty to remove Bishop *Wren* both from his person and service.

FINIS.

